There, was no workshop at Azimganj. The land is to be utilized w>r storage of Railway material.

(b) The three diesel shed$_s$ at Bardh-wan, Andal & Malda Town which are in close vicinity of Azimganj are considered adequate to meet the maintenance requirement of diesel locomafive$_s$ working on BAK loop section. There is, therefore, no justification for setting up a mini diesel shed at Azimganj.

Re-installation of bridge over river Bhagirathi at Azhngimj

1267. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a railway bridge over the river Bhagirathi at Azimgunj Junction under Eastern Railway connect ing Sealdah-LalgoJa section directly with the north-eastern part of the country during the second World War;

(b) if so, why was the bridge dislodged; and

(c) whether Government have any pro-posal pending for re-installation of the bridge for connecting Lalgola section with Azimgunj junction ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no such proposal.

Non-placemen! of order on wa^oa Industry

1268. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal met the Prime Minister on 4th July, 1994 to highlight the issue of non-placcrien': of orders on wagon Indus, try;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress, if any, made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Through a memorandum dated 4.7.94 submitted to Prime Minister, in tervention was sought in the matter of placement of wagon orders.

(c) The Chief Minister of West Benga] has already been apprised of the current scenario of wagon procurement. Wagon procurement depends upon traffic needs Wagon availability is sufficient to *m^** the present requirements. The pftacemeat of further wagon orders can only be considered if so warranted by the traffic demands.

Vacant ports of SCs/STs

1269. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PAR-MAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS j be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of posts reserved I for SCs and STs lying vacant in the Western Railways at present; and

(b) the -easons for not filling up of these vacEticies so far?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) ^{T}nformation is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

BnUc'-own-lease-Transfer Scheme

1270. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Railways have identified several projects for private investment under the build-own-lease transfer scheme; and

(b) if so, what are the details of suci projects?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.